

Springerville Town Council
Minutes
April 21, 2004

Present: Mayor Kay Dyson, Vice-Mayor Mary Nedrow and Mark Baca

Absent: Ramon Castillo and Scott Cray

Staff: Kurt Hassler Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Sterling Solomon Town Attorney, Marnie Uhl Chamber Director, Cyndi Henderson and Max Sadler Fire Chief.

Public: Pete Hunt, Betty Amator, Cindy Irvine, Jim Muth, Stephen Slade, Dr. and Mrs. Stan Thurber, Jeff Barbe, Doug Henderson, Gary Edwards, Bill and Margaret Coalter, Ed and Donna Stephens, Odika Melendez, Roberta Darnold, Lucy Hill, Vicente Ordonez, Steve Brown and Jane Chandler

1. Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Vice-Mayor Nedrow led the Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation followed by Mayor Dyson.
3. Public participation:

Dr. Stan Thurber he was there on behalf of the Round Valley Community Orchestra to request funding. Mayor Dyson advised him that they would consider his request at the May 6th meeting.

4. Manager, Council, and Chamber Reports:

Vice-Mayor Nedrow reported she attended and planning and zoning meeting. They heard and approved a request for a conditional use permit for a repair garage 1447 E. Main Street. They did not pass a conditional use permit request for CRW Construction and are looking at the code for definitions of storage bins.

Mayor Dyson reported that the Health Care District met and have recruited two full time family practice physicians that will start this summer as well as a part-time orthopedic surgeon, general surgeon and part time cardiologist. The hospital hopes to emerge from bankruptcy in June. The next Health Care District meeting will be on May 12 at the hospital.

She will be attending a NACOG meeting in Flagstaff tomorrow and Western Renewable Energy will have their grand opening this Saturday in Eagar. This is the biomass plant for small diameter trees and tree thinning.

The town has responded to a request for the forest service to write a letter of support of forest health issues for the Greer and South Fork area.

She took three calls regarding the types of movies rentals the Movie Gallery would be renting out. Mr. Hassler advised her that this issue had been addressed and they would not have those types of movies.

She also met with the Save Our School fund raising group. They are going to be formulating plans to send out massive mailing requesting money for the school renovation. She informed them of the first bid that was received for remediation costs.

She reminded everyone that the next meeting is Thursday May 6th when they will have a public hearing on the water and sewer rates.

May 12th will be a special ceremony to swear in Pete Hunt and to recognize Lynn Rogers and Ramon Castillo.

Mayor Dyson expressed her appreciation to the public for being there to welcome the 1404 back to town from Iraq and a special thank you to Mr. Steve Burdict the new manager of Safeway for his generous donation of 10 dozen roses for the soldiers. The soldiers presented these roses to their spouses when they reached Show Low.

Mayor Dyson announced that she would be in Phoenix next week meeting with ADEQ. Marnie Uhl, Chamber Director reported that the Carson and Barnes Circus went very well. She thanked Tom Malone and the crew from the public works department. The crew went above and beyond in getting the grounds ready for the circus.

Ms. Uhl reported that Casa Malpais has been really busy doing field trip tours for students from the Blue Ridge Schools. There will be the blue ribbon cutting ceremony this Saturday at 1:00pm for Western Renewable Energy grand opening.

Tomorrow night the 22nd the Crazy Quilt Shoppe will be hosting the Chamber Mixer as well as holding her open house.

Ms. Uhl announced that the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Moving Wall will be in Pinetop-Lakeside from April 29th until May 5th and encouraged everyone to see it.

Mr. Hassler reported that the Moses RV Park water line is completed and the sewer line work is underway.

The budget process has been started and will meet with department heads to make adjustments

Mayor Dyson mentioned that there were a couple of other announcements she forgot to mention. We are advertising for a new town manager on several web sites. There is a forest fire in the Vernon area. There have been eight fires since January. She said she had received several calls regarding the low flying aircraft. She advised everyone not to worry as they belong to us. They are C130's practicing maneuvers from Kirkland Airbase.

There is also a meeting with the business owners regarding the water and sewer at the Safire Restaurant on May 3rd at 10:30 am.

5. Minutes: Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on April 7, 2004.

The clerk was asked to make corrections to items 17 and 20. Councilman Baca was included in the vote count on item 17 and Mayor Dyson on item 20, and both had declared conflicts of interest.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to approve the minutes of April 7, 2004 with the noted corrections.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca

6. Request for Funding: Consider authorizing the Town Manager to make a payment to the Old Spanish Trail Sculpture and Art, Inc.

No action was taken on this item.

7. Zoning Administrator: Discussion on how to replace exiting zoning administrator.

Mr. Hassler recommended that this item be moved into executive session for advice from the town attorney. This item was then moved to the end of the agenda.

8. **Request for Funding:** Consider authorizing the Town Manager to make a payment to Run with the Wolf, Inc.

Mr. Jim Muth, representative for Run with the Wolf, addressed the Council. He stated that they are asking the people who benefit from this event to help sponsor it and are asking the town for \$2,000 in cash this year. He said that they do not need in kind labor as the County takes care of it and they have a contract for the port-a-johns so they don't need the town to supply those.

After some discussion on the budget it was decided that they would table this item. Mr. Hassler was directed to put together a list of organizations that want funds for the next meeting.

Motion by Mark Baca/Mary Nedrow to table this item

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca

9. **Request for Funding: Consider** authorizing the Town Manager to make a payment to the Apache County ATV Roughriders.

Hank and Debbie Rogers explained that in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce a local ATV club has been formed. They are hosting a jamboree on September 8 through the 11th and hope to make this an annual event in Round Valley. Mrs. Rogers explained that they have hired a marketing firm from Salt Lake City to make illustrator maps of the area that will include all of the sponsors. They are asking both towns to split the cost of the artwork for these illustrations. She said the cost to have these maps would be \$7500 at a cost of \$3,750 for each town.

After discussion regarding the budget Mr. Hassler was asked to put them on the list.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to table this item.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca

10. **2004-2005 Requests for Funding:** Hear presentations from each of the following groups requesting money from the Town of Springerville in fiscal year 2005.

a. White Mountain Partnership. Mr. Hassler advised the Council that they have upped the amount of funding they are requesting from each entity from \$5,000 to \$7,000 and recommended that the town drop out of the partnership. It was the consensus of the Council to have Mr. Hassler notify them of this decision.

b. Valle Redondo Fat Tire Fiesta. Bill and Margaret Colter gave a brief presentation of last year's event. He explained that this event brings revenue to both communities and asked for \$300.00. Mayor Dyson thanked them for reporting their statistics to them.

c. Villa Escudilla Apartments: Donna Stevens of Villa Escudilla apartments explained that they are looking for help to acquire air conditioning for the apartments. She said she had received bids for the electrical work as well as for the installation of air conditioning, which the council received copies of. She said she was working with Rick Pinckard from the Town of Eagar who is writing a grant for them to install the air conditioning system. She explained that most of the residents of the apartments are elderly and it gets extremely hot in the apartments for about four months of the year.

The Council members agreed that something needs to be done to help them. They directed Mr. Hassler to talk with Dana Overson to see if CDBG funds can be used to help them.

11. **Resolution 2004-R006:** Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign Resolution 2004-R006 regarding payments to the common council.

Mr. Solomon recommended that this item be tabled for further research.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to table this item.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca

Mayor Dyson opened public participation for Gary Edwards who was asking the Council to consider funding for fire works for the 4th of July. He said he wanted to go forward with soliciting funds from other sources.

12. **Joint Council Meeting:** Consider holding a joint council meeting with the Town Council of Eagar.

Vicente Ordonez, Council member for the Town of Eagar addressed the Council stating that he was offering an olive branch and would like the Council to consider holding a joint meeting with the Eagar Town Council regarding non controversial issues that are important to both communities.

He explained that the Game and Fish public relations person had approached him regarding updating both council on the state lands reformat, a presentation from the Game and Fish on the value of wildlife to tourism, the Forest Service will talk about the water shed issues and the forest thinning ½ a mile barrier behind Eagar.

The Council was in favor of meeting jointly to discuss these issues and suggested a couple of dates in May to meet.

Mr. Ordonez said he would try working with early May or June to set up a meeting and would get in touch with Mr. Hassler to schedule the date. He also suggested having the meeting at the Forest Service conference room to keep it neutral.

13. **Annual Review of Fire Chief:** Consider entering into executive session to discuss the annual review of the Fire Chief.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to adjourn into executive session to discuss the annual review of the Fire Chief and item 7 zoning administrator.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05pm by Mayor Dyson. She explained that on item 7 regarding the zoning administrator, they need more information from Mr. Hassler on possible job duties and names.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to table this item until the May19th meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow

Mark Baca

Item 13 was the annual review of the Fire Chief. There were some changes discussed regarding Max's contract. The proposed changes are to change the period of the contract from the 21st day of April 2004 to end on the 30th day of April 2009 on item #1.

Fix a typing error on item K.

Strike the word probation on item 9 and the date the town manager shall conduct an annual evaluation from October 1, 2003 to prior to April 21, 2005.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to accept the contract with Max Sadler with the changes so noted.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca

14. Adjournment:

Motion by Kay Dyson/Mary Nedrow to adjourn the meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Kay Dyson
		Mary Nedrow
		Mark Baca

The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday April 21, 2004. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 22nd Day of April, 2004
